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In the Claims:

1. (Presently amended) A process for the preparation of solid phase bonded 2-chlorotrityl chloride (2-CTC resin) of formula I

wherein Ps is a polymeric support and n has the following meaning: $1 \ge n > 0$ comprising the reaction of solid phase bonded 2-chlorotrityl of formula II

wherein R is OH or/and OC1-4-alkyl or/and NR'R''

wherein R' and R'' independently of each other represent C_{1-4} -alkyl, or R' and R'' together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded represent a 5 to 8 membered heterocyclic radical in the presence of a chlorinating agent HCl and an organic solvent and dioxane.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Canceled)

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- 5. (Original) The process according to claims 1 wherein n is $0.9 \ge n \ge 0.5$.
- 6. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction temperature is between 0 and 110°C.
- 7. (Original) The process according to claim 4-1 wherein the HCl content in dioxane is > 0 to about 40 g/100ml.
- 8. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction time is 6-96 h.
- 9. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein it is carried out in a single percolation or in repetitive percolations.